programming included in the programming guide, comprising:

providing programming information from the central control node to an interactive station controller, the programming information including at least the identities of a plurality of available programs;

providing summary information from the central control node to an interactive station controller;

storing the programming information at the interactive station controller;

storing the summary information at the interactive station controller;

accessing the programming information and displaying the programming information in the programming guide on the video display;

obtaining a user selection indication corresponding to programming selected by the viewer from the programming guide;

accessing in response to the user selection indication the summary information relating to the programming selected by the viewer; and

displaying the program summary information.

22. The method of claim 21 in which the summary information includes a text description relating to the programming selected by the viewer.

23. The method of claim 22 in which the displaying of the summary information includes displaying the text description in a text description window.

24. The method of claim 21 in which the summary information includes display imagery relating to the programming selected by the viewer.

25. The method of claim 24 in which the displaying of the summary information includes

displaying the display imagery in a preview display window.

26. The method of claim 24 in which the display imagery includes a multi-frame video segment relating to the program selected by the viewer.

27. The method of claim 26 in which the selected programming is transmitted from the central control node when the programming is selected by the viewer and the multi-frame video segment includes the transmitted selected programming.

28. The method of claim 26 in which the multi-frame video segment includes a preselected video segment that relates to the selected programming and is less than the entire selected programming.

29. The method of claim 24 in which the display imagery is a single image frame relating to the programming selected by the viewer.

30. The method of claim 21 in which the summary information includes a text description and display imagery relating to the program selected by the viewer.

31. In an interactive video system having a central control node in bidirectional communication with plural viewer stations that include video display sets operably coupled to interactive station controllers, the central control node delivering video programming over multiple channels to the plural viewer stations and receiving information from the interactive station controllers, the system including a programming guide from which viewers select programming, a method of displaying for a viewer summary information relating to programming included in the programming guide, comprising:

obtaining from the central control node programming summary information that relates to programming available to a viewer, the program summary information including at least a

plurality of images, each image being related to at least one of the available programming;

storing the programming summary information in a memory associated with the interactive station controller system

obtaining an indication of programming selected by the viewer from the programming guide;

retrieving from the memory the programming summary information corresponding to the programming selected by the viewer from the programming guide in response to the obtained indication; and

displaying the programming summary information for the viewer on a video display set.

32. The method of claim 31 in which the summary information further includes a text description relating to the programming selected by the viewer and at least some of the images are video segments.

33. The method of claim 32 in which the text description and video segment are displayed in, respectively, a text description window and a preview display window that are displayed adjacent each other.

34. The method of claim 31 in which the programming summary information is displayed simultaneously with the programming guide.

35. The method of claim 31 in which the programming summary information displayed for the viewer includes an icon indicating a predetermined characteristic of the selected programming.

36. The method of claim 35 in which the predetermined characteristic of the selected programming is selectively cued by the viewer.

37. In an interactive video system having a central control node in bidirectional

communication with plural viewer stations that include video display sets operably coupled to

interactive station controllers, the central control node delivering video programming over

multiple channels to the plural viewer stations and receiving information from the interactive

station controllers, the system including a programming guide listing programming available to a

viewer, a method of displaying summary information at an individual user station, comprising:

providing from the central control node to the plurality of viewer stations programming

information, the programming information including an identification of a plurality of programs

currently available from the central control node and an identification of a plurality of future

programs that will be available from the central control node at a future time;

storing the programming information at the plurality of viewer stations;

providing from the central control node to the plurality of viewer stations summary

information, the summary information comprising a plurality of images associated with at least

one of the available programs;

storing the summary information at the plurality of viewer stations;

accessing and displaying the programming information at an individual user station in

response to a request from a viewer of the individual user station to display the program guide;

obtaining a user selection at the individual user station, the user selection indicating a

currently selected program within the program guide;

in response to a user selection of a currently available program, displaying at the individual

user station the currently available program simultaneously with the program guide; and

in response to a user selection of one of the at least one of the future programs, accessing